

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, in which Claims 1, 2, and 9 were finally rejected and Claims 3-8, 14, and 15 were allowed. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled; Claim 9 has been amended; and no new claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 3-9, 14, and 15 are pending in the application, and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-8, 14, and 15 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC 112

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been canceled, and accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,333,990 (*Yazici*) in view of the cited *Hamming* and *Potter* references.

It is noted that Claims 10, 12, 13, and 16-20 were canceled in the Amendment filed on May 9, 2005.

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have canceled Claims 1 and 2.

Claim 9 has been amended to be dependent on allowed base Claim 3, and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

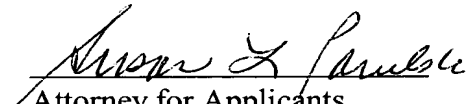
Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,


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